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TITLE: EQUIPMENT FOR EXTRACTING ROOT POST PROSTHETIC ELEMENTS OR IMPLANTS

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Instrumentation for extracting prosthetic elements having a root post or for extracting implants, ~~made of an instrument~~ comprising:

two levers (~~1A, 1B~~) connected to each other, in a rotating and non-crossing manner, by ~~means of an articulation (2)~~, each of ~~these levers thus comprising~~ lever being comprised of a one handle (~~3A, 3B~~) and ~~one an~~ extracting arm (~~4A, 4B~~) extending on either side of the articulation (2), ~~so that wherein~~ bringing together the two handles (~~3A, 3B~~) causes the two extracting arms (~~4A, 4B~~) to separate, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein ends (~~4A, 4B~~) of the extracting arms (~~4A, 4B~~) of this ~~instrument~~ are curved so as to form an angle with ~~the a~~ remaining part of ~~these the~~ extracting arms, and ~~in that they comprise~~ wherein the ends are comprised of extracting tips (~~5A, 5B~~) ~~in the form of~~ as clamps ~~designed to be able to be positioned~~ , positionable in a detachable way and with a rotational capacity, at ~~the curved ends (4A', 4B')~~ of the extracting arms (~~4A, 4B~~).

2. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises several~~ further comprising: a plurality of pairs of extracting clamps (~~5~~) having different thicknesses and having notches (~~5b~~) corresponding to different diameters of prosthetic element posts (~~T~~).

3. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the instrument comprises~~ further comprising: a plurality of mechanisms (8,9) for subjecting the extracting arms (4A, 4B) to the action of progressive separating forces.

4. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to ~~one of the claims 1 or 2,~~ characterized ~~in that the instrument comprises~~ Claim 1, further comprising: a mechanism for the automatic return of the extracting arms into a position close together.

5. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it consists of~~ further comprising: at least one gauge (11) comprised of a flat bracket comprising a grasping part or sleeve (11B) and a working part ~~whose~~ having an end is formed by ~~comprised of~~ a calibrating fork (11a), ~~the~~ a thickness of this said calibrating fork corresponding to the thickness of the pair of clamps (5A, 5B) of the extracting arms (4A, 4B) when ~~they~~ the arms are in a position close together; ~~preferably, this instrumentation comprises several wherein said~~ gauges (11) having ~~have~~ calibrating forks (11a) corresponding to different diameters of the prosthetic element posts (F) and ~~having~~ different sizes of extracting clamps (5).

6. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to ~~one of the claims 1 or 2,~~ characterized ~~in that the~~ Claim 1, wherein said clamps (5) have a planar support surface (5a) oriented to the an outside and defining a notch (5b).

7. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said notch (5b) ~~of the extracting clamps (5)~~ has a decreasing width in ~~the~~ a direction to ~~the~~ a bottom of the notch, ~~this said notch being able to have the~~ in a shape of a V or a spacing that decreases gradually.

8. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to ~~one of the claims 1, 2, 6 or 7,~~
~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the extracting clamps ~~(5A, 5B)~~ comprise a shaft or cylindrical
rod ~~(6)~~, and ~~in that~~ wherein the bent ends ~~(4A', 4B')~~ of the extracting arms ~~(4A, 4B)~~ are equipped
~~with~~ comprised of a traversing bore ~~(7)~~ that permits ~~permitting~~ the detachable and rotatable mounting
of the clamps in the extension of the ends.

9. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that the~~
wherein said mechanisms for subjecting the extracting arms ~~(4A, 4B)~~ to the progressive removal
forces ~~are comprised of~~ comprise a flexible and compressible stop (8) affixed to one (3A) of the
handles, relative to ~~the~~ an internal surface of the other handle ~~(3B)~~, ~~in a manner~~ such that when the
handles are brought together, ~~this~~ said elastic stop is compressed ~~between them~~ therebetween.

10. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that it~~
~~comprises~~ further comprising: a mechanism (9) for regulating ~~the~~ support of the elastic stop (8).

11. (Currently amended) Instrumentation according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that the~~
wherein said mechanism for automatic return of the extracting arms ~~(4A, 4B)~~ to a close together
position is comprised of a leaf spring ~~(10)~~ interposed between the handles ~~(3A, 3B)~~ of the instrument
~~and,~~ tending to separate ~~them~~ said handles.